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Belleville Area DISTRICT LIBRARY

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# Progressions

Fall 2018

## Chat from the Chair



Looking at summer 2018 through the rearview mirror, I see the warm sun shining on the water, and hear my favorite summer music. This year I got the chance to enjoy shimmering water on our own Belleville Lake, as well as on the beaches of Lake Michigan on the west side of the state and in northern Michigan at a peaceful inland lake retreat. The sounds that play in my head at each view of sparkling water are those of the steel drum bands, called "pan bands" that originated in the Caribbean. In the past, I've enjoyed pan music in Trinidad and Tobago. This summer I delighted in that sound right here in the Belleville Area District Library! As it has for many years, in celebration of the BADL Summer Reading Program participants, our library brought the sounds of island life to our community. We are uniquely blessed with our beautiful lake setting. It is fitting for our programming to tie into those happy summer sounds.

As we move further into 2018, the library will keep on opening doors to the wider world through programming and will seek to find ways for diverse members of our community to open up experiences to each other. Programming that maximizes exposure to the wider world, in ways large and small, will carry on during the fall. Find out the details in the pages of this newsletter.

In the weeks and months before winter hits you can also continue to monitor the building of the new library, which started in earnest in May. Over the course of the summer, the construction team took care of complicated preparatory details and overcame various obstacles and are now hard at work on the site. We appreciate your patience for the inconveniences brought on by construction, and we hope you enjoy as we do the chance to watch the project develop.

During this fall the library staff is also preparing for the new building in ways we cannot always see, by beefing up capacity and services to fit the programming opportunities the new building will afford. Some of these technological services may be available to you before the new building even opens!

The memories of the steel drumming and the shining water won't soon fade away. In the crisp fall and frigid winter days to come, we can all enjoy warm thoughts of that music and the sun dancing on the water! But we can also look forward to new doors being opened and memories being made at the BADL!

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair  
Belleville Area District Library Board

## Look Inside for Upcoming Programs and Events!

Belleville Area District Library  
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Hours:  
Mon.-Thurs. 10 am-9 pm  
Fri. & Sat. 10 am-6 pm

### Library Board

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**The library board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.**

### The library will be closed on the following days:

- Monday, Sept. 3 – Labor Day
- Monday, Nov. 12 – Veterans Day (observed)
- Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 22-23 – Thanksgiving
- Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
- Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
- Monday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve
- Tuesday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

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## Summer Reading Program



Great Lakes Taiko Center demonstrated this traditional Japanese drumming technique to a great crowd at the Teen Summer Reading Program.

# Children's Programs

## Story Times @ the BADL

All children are invited to join us for our interactive story times. Children can enjoy meeting new friends while singing, listening to stories, and making thematic crafts.

### FALL STORY TIMES

Please call or visit the library to register for Fall Story Times starting September 1.

<b>Family Story Time</b> (ages 5-10)	Mondays 7:00 pm	September 10 – October 15
<b>Tuesday Toddler Time</b> (ages 2-4)	Tuesdays 11 am	September 11 – October 16
<b>Thursday Toddler Time</b> (ages 2-4)	Thursdays 11 am	September 13 – October 18

### HOLIDAY STORY TIMES

Please call or visit the library to register for Holiday Story Times starting October 29.

**The library will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12 for Veterans Day and Thursday, Nov. 22 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

<b>Family Story Time</b> (ages 5-10)	Mondays 7:00 pm	November 5 – December 10
<b>Tuesday Toddler Time</b> (ages 2-4)	Tuesdays 11 am	November 6 – December 11
<b>Thursday Toddler Time</b> (ages 2-4)	Thursdays 11 am	November 8 – December 13

### SANTA @ THE LIBRARY! December 3, 6:30 - 8 pm

Kids can join Santa for story time and then take turns expressing Christmas wishes to him. Parents are welcome to take videos and pictures at this holiday event.

## Notes from the Director

If you have been to the library recently, you have seen construction fencing, large excavation equipment, holes being dug, utility lines being rerouted, etc. All of us are getting used to finding new routes to the library now that 4th Street is closed as well as new places to park. "Please pardon our dust" has become more than just an expression! Once all of the utilities (storm sewers, water lines, gas, electrical, etc.) have been relocated and foundations have been poured, you will see the structural steel beams going up this fall.

Hundreds of children and their parents found their way through all of the construction to attend our Summer Reading Program. The theme this year was "*Libraries Rock*" and in addition to keeping up their reading skills over the summer months, kids also attended many entertaining programs that were focused on music from around the world.

We have a new catalog and computer system which we share with 52 other libraries in Southeast Michigan, and making this change has been a monumental undertaking. If you need help using the new catalog or you have a suggestion for its improvement, please call us. We value your input.

We received feedback about a graphic in our last newsletter that was used to publicize the memorial dedication for soldiers from Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren who fought for the Union during the Civil War. The graphic used was that of an American and Confederate flag crossing each other. The Confederate flag is a reminder of a cruel chapter of our country's history. The library strives to act as a place of inclusivity for all and it was not our intention to offend. We apologize. The memorial was brought about by a very dedicated group of volunteer researchers who have worked to bring our area's history to life. Their research is available here at the library along with a large collection of books and DVDs about the Civil War.

Mary Jo Suchy, Library Director

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# Community Connections

## Saturday Matinee:

### Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Saturday,  
September 15, 1 pm

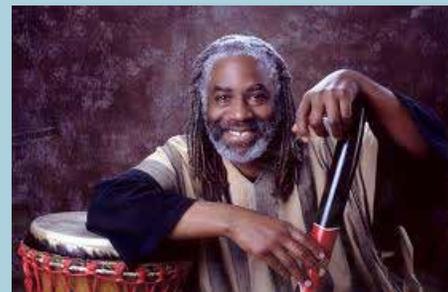
If you didn't catch it in the theater this summer or you can't wait to see it again, join us for a special showing of this recent biopic of Fred Rogers and his iconic PBS children's program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Just come for the movie, or stick around afterwards for snacks and an informal discussion.



## Storytelling with La'Ron Williams

Adults and Children 11+

Tuesday, September 25, 7 pm



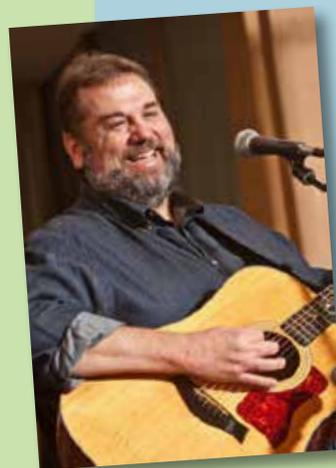
La'Ron Williams is a local performer whose stories focus on folk tales from African and African-American traditions, as well as tales from his own life. He joins us for an evening of tales with a deeper meaning – addressing race, society, and the struggle to expand the American ideal of democratic inclusion. Older children and adults will enjoy his highly-interactive performance, featuring music and singing.

## Community Sing with Matt Watroba

Wednesday, October 17, 7 pm

Join your friends and neighbors for a community sing-along, hosted by WDET's Matt Watroba! Community sings are an

opportunity for all willing singers to experience the power of song and musical participation. Don't worry if you don't consider yourself a "singer" – community singing is not performing. *All skill levels are welcome!*



## Learn Something New!

### The Write Stuff Writer's Group

Meets the last Saturday of every month, from 1-3 pm at the Library. All aspiring writers are welcome to drop in and share their projects! (Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 29)

### Knits & Starts Fiber Crafts Group

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm

Join a social group of fiber craft enthusiasts for camaraderie and mentoring. Bring your own project, or borrow some of our materials to learn the basics of knit or crochet. *We'll help you get started!*

### Macramé for Beginners Thursday, November 15, 7 pm

Join our Knits & Starts group for a special introductory class! Macramé is back and chic as ever. Come and learn the basic techniques of this fun fiber art form. We'll provide materials for you to make and take home a small wall hanging.

**Registration required: Opens Monday, November 5.**

### Tech Tutoring

Are you struggling to learn a piece of technology? Need help setting up OverDrive or downloading an audiobook? Appointments with a librarian are available for one-on-one instruction.



Kids and adults participated in our Shark Week Festivities.

### Halloween Grown-Up Story Time

Tuesday, October 30, 7 pm

Enjoy snacks and a Halloween craft while listening to dramatic readings of classic spooky tales!

**Registration required:  
Opens Monday, October 15.**



### Comic Book Club for Grades 4-6

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm

Do you enjoy reading comic books? Want to create your own comic book? This is the club for you. We will read and discuss a variety of comics and make our own. Register at the Reference Desk or by calling 734-699-3291. Participants will receive a copy of the book for that month. *Space is limited so be sure to reserve your spot. Registration for each session begins the first of the month.*



## Homegrown Knowledge Series

Second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

September 13	<i>Canning and Preserving</i>
October 11	<i>League of Women Voters</i>
November 8	<i>History of Girlstown</i>
December 13	<i>South Africa: KawZulu-Natal and the Cape</i>

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## Book Groups

### Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group

meets the first or second Monday of the month at 7 pm in the library.

- Sept. 10 – *The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms* by N.K. Jemison
- Oct. 1 – *Watchmen* by Alan Moore
- Nov. 5 – *On Basilisk Station* by David Weber
- Dec. 3 – *White is for Witching* by Helen Oyeyemi
- Jan. 7 – *Titus Groan* by Mervyn Peake

**The Evening Book Group** meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the library.

- Sept. 6 – *Secondhand Time: the Last of the Soviets* by Svetlana Aleksievich
- Oct. 4 – *Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie
- Nov. 1 – *The Music Shop* by Rachel Joyce
- Dec. 6 – *Spill, Simmer, Falter, Wither* by Sara Baume
- Jan. 3 – *The Leisure Seeker* by Michael Zadoorian

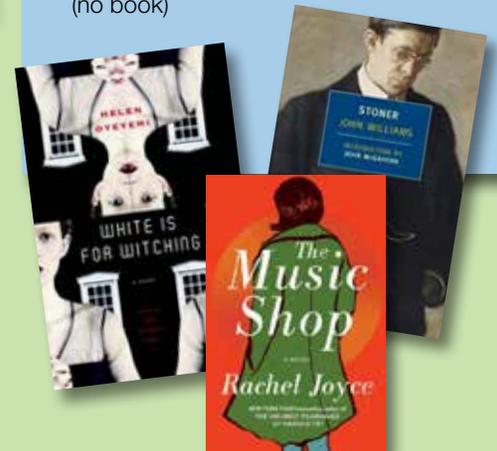
**The Other Book Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in different restaurants around town. Contact the library for our next meeting place!

- Sept. 20 – *Stoner* by John Williams
- Oct. 18 – *Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire: A 500 Year History* by Kurt Andersen
- Nov. 15 – *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance
- Dec. 20 – *The Janissary Tree* by Jason Goodwin

### African American Literature

**Book Group** meets the last Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the library.

- Sept. 27 – *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward
- Oct. 25 – *Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters White and Black in a Young America* by Catherine Kerrison
- Nov. 29 – *Tempest* by Beverly Jenkins
- Dec. 28 – Dinner at a local restaurant (no book)





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Science Kidz is on hiatus for the fall, please check our winter newsletter for dates of our next fun programs!

### Join the Friends!

Board meetings are held in the library tutoring room at 10 am on the following dates. Open to all Friends members.

- Saturday, September 8
- Saturday, October 6
- Saturday, November 10
- Saturday, December 8

#### Used Book Sale

Saturday, November 3  
11 am – Noon Friends Only  
Noon – 3 pm General Public

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 13, 11 am-3 pm



Kids (and all of us big kids) enjoy a day of butter churning, candle dipping, scavenger hunts, and much more. All activities are free and take place at the library and museum.

#### Winter Fest

Saturday, December 1

Our popular gingerbread decorating will return this year.

Attendance at Library events constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the Belleville Area District Library.

Do you know an adult who needs help reading? The Belleville Area District Library offers FREE 1-on-1 tutoring with trained literacy volunteers. Learners must commit to meeting with their tutor once a week for two hours. This service is completely confidential. For more information, stop by the library or call us at 699-3291.

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